

Multi-Tiered Incremental Software Updating

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A software application (110) is updated to a newer version by means of incremental update patches (122). The incremental update patches (122) each contain that information
5 necessary to transform one version of an application to another version. Any version of an application (110) may be upgraded to any other version of the application, through the use of a series of incremental update patches (122). The appropriate incremental update patches (122) are distributed in a multi-tiered manner, such that some update patches (122) update the application (110) by only one version, and others update the application (110) by several versions.

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